



## **Finding Aid for The Radical Faerie Digest**

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## Summary Information

**Repository:** Betsey B. Creekmore Special Collections and University Archives, The University of Tennessee, Knoxville

**Title:** The Radical Faerie Digest

**Identifier:** MS-3956

**Date:** 1975 Autumn-1997 Summer

**Physical Description:** 1.5 Linear Feet (2 boxes (1 records box and 1 half box))

## Conditions Governing Use

The copyright interests in this collection remain with the creator. For more information, contact Special Collections.

## Conditions Governing Access

Collections are stored offsite, and a minimum of 2 business days are needed to retrieve these items for use. Researchers interested in consulting any of the collections are advised to contact Special Collections.

## Preferred Citation

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## Overview

This is a collection of 78 issues of Radical Faerie Digest, commonly known as "A country journal for gay men everywhere," from 1975-1997. The publication documents and discusses contemporary events in news, politics, and health (including covering the AIDS epidemic of the 1980s-90s). Additionally the journal includes pieces on the arts, gender identity and expression, sexuality, and spirituality. Popular recurring sections include Letters to the RFD, Brothers Behind Bars, Country Kitchen, Gatherings, and Faerie Contacts. The issues include poetry, short stories, articles, illustrations, photographs, recipes, book reviews, lunar calendars, and advertisements, some with explicit and erotic imagery.

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## **Biographical / Historical**

Radical Fairy Digest is the longest-running reader-written gay quarterly since 1974 and has been the de facto journal of record of the radical faerie movement since 1979. Radical Fairy Digest is a reader-written, volunteer-produced journal for gay people which focuses on country living, encourages alternative lifestyles, and fosters community building and networking, exploring diverse expressions of sexuality, care for the environment, radical faerie consciousness, nature-centered spirituality, as well as life experiences.

Over time, the title of the publication has been stylized in various ways including Radical Fairy Digest, Radical Faerie Digest, and RFD.

## **Arrangement**

These 78 issues of the Radical Faerie Digest are arranged in chronological order by publication date. Contents of this collection are divided into one full-size records box, and one half-size records box.

## **Language of Materials**

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## **Administrative Information**

### **Publication Statement**

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